THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Doordarshan introduced satel lite regional language service in the following languages from 1.10.1993— Assamese & North Eaastern Language Bangla, Gujarati, Kannada, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Mavathi, Oriya, Tamil and Telugu, on its, existing four satel lite channels.

(c) and (d) The programmes of the above service are available terres-terially only in Delhi through the use of a low cost UHF antenna. The programmes can be received in other parts of the country through, the use of an appropriate dish antenna.

Regional news telecast by Doordarshan

540. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Miniver of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING *be* pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Regional News Telecast by Doovdar-shan Kendra, Lucknow, during the Assembly elections, adequate coverage was not gliven to the campaign of the recognised political parties of the State; and

(b) what is the total time given to each of the recognised political parties and other registered parties since the date of announcement of the elections till the date of final polling, fin the Regional News Telecast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The information is given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Details of the given to recognised/Regtetered political parties in regional news telecom lby Doordarshan since the date of *announcement of the election till the date of tiwl polling*

S. No.	Name of Party	Time Given (in Seconds)
1	Congress (I)	160
2	Bhartiya Janta Party	140
3	Janta Dal	160
4	CPI	50
5	CPM	25
6	Janta Party	130
7	S. J. P.	40
8	Samajwadi Party	115
9	Panthers Party	80
10	Shiv Sena	30
11	Socialist Party	73
12	Shoshit Samaj Dal	43
13	Lok Dal	15
14	Doordarshi Party	66
15	Republican Party	76
16	Indian Peoples Front	35